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Response to Office Action

Dear Ma'am:

The following response is offered for claims 1-59 of the subject patent application.

RESPONSE UNDER 37 cfr 1.136(a)

IN THE CLAIMS:

No changes are being made to the claims

REMARKS

CLAIMS:

Claims 1-59 are pending in the application. All of the original claims 1-59 are rejected. The examiner's early reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§102:

Original claims 1-59 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,804,957 to Selph et al.